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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a 1-month Extension of Time, to and including December 30, 2004, be granted in which to respond to the Office Action dated August 31, 2004 in the above-identified application.

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